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In re application of

Brian J. Deen, et al.

Serial No.: 09/680,122

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For: **EFFICIENTLY SENDING EVENT
NOTIFICATIONS OVER A COMPUTER
NETWORK**

Examiner: Michael A. Delgado

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

We, Brian J. Deen, Joel Matthew Soderberg, and Alexander I. Hopmann, declare as follows:

1. We are co-inventors of the invention claimed in the above-identified patent application. We are employed by Microsoft Corporation, the assignee of the above-identified patent application.

2. During our employment at Microsoft Corporation, and on or before May 12, 1998, we conceived and reduced to practice in the United States the concepts described and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

3. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of a specification titled "Exchange's DAV Notification Implementation" (hereinafter referred to as "the Specification"). The specification was initially drafted on May 27, 1998 and was last revised on January 20, 1999. The initial draft of the

specification includes a description of notification technology as described and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

4. We were personally involved with the conception and reduction to practice of the concepts relating to notifications described in the Specification.

5. Attached as Exhibit B are slide printouts for a Microsoft internal presentation made on May 12, 1998, which included a description of the notification technology described in the Specification.

6. I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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